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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002 (Paper No. 18), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **rewrite** the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 8, as follows:

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In Figs. 1 and 2, a cleaner 1 for exhaust gas that is fitted to an exhausting system of a motorcycle is composed of a metal carrier 2 for a catalyst and a catalyst layer 3 carried thereon. The metal carrier 2 has a honeycomb structure 5 which is in a cylindrical form and has a plurality of air vents 4 extending in the axial direction of the metal carrier 2. A cylindrical case 6 covers the periphery of the honeycomb structure 5. In this embodiment, the air vents 4 are substantially equal in size to each other and are disposed in concentric